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SUBJECT: ALGERIAN PRESIDENT MEDIATES IN EGYPTIAN-LIBUAN
DISPUTE

1. BOUMEDIENE'S TRIP TO TRIPOLI AND ALEXANDRIA JULY 24
AND HIS MEETINGS WITH QADHAFI, SADAT AND ARAFAT PROMINENTLY
TREATED IN LOCAL PRESS JULY 25. ACCORDING TO BIREF
NEWS ACCOUNT, BOUMEDIENE MET TWICE WITH QADHAFI, ONCE ALONE
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AND ONCE WITH ARAFAT. AFTER ARRIVING IN ALEXANDRIA AT END
OF AFTERNOON, HE WENT BY HELICOPTER TO EL MAAMOURA
RESIDENCE WHERE HE MET WITH SADAT AND MUBARAK.
(NUMEIRI'S PRESENCE IN ALEXANDRIA WAS MENTIONED IN
ALGERIAN NEWS BROADCAST JULY 24, BUT WRITTEN MEDIA
JULY 25 IGNORED HIM.) IMMEDIATELY FOLLOWING MAAMOURA
MEETING, ACCORDING TO PRESS, SADAT ORDERED CEASEFIRE.

2. INTERIOR MINISTER ABDELGHANI AND MILITARY ACADEMY COMMANDANT YAHIAOUI, BOTH MEMBERS OF COUNCIL OF THE REVOLUTION, ACCOMPANIED BOUMEDIENE ON SHUTTLE. YAHIAOUI HAD RETURNED FROM TRIPOLI JULY 19 WHERE HE HAD DELIVERED QADHAFI MESSAGE FROM BOUMEDIENE.

3. BOUMEDIENE'S DECISION TO UNDERTAKE MEDIATION APPARENTLY TAKEN AT VERY SHORT NOTICE AND WAS HANDLED IN GREAT SECRECY. FOREIGN JOURNALIST TELLS US THAT FIRST ANNOUNCEMENT OF TRIP CAME FROM TRIPOLI AND THAT ALL ALGERIAN SOURCES REFUSED TO CONFIRM INFORMATION UNTIL LATE AFTERNOON JULY 24. EGYPTIAN AMBASSADOR NOT INFORMED OF TRIP UNTIL AFTER BOUMEDIENE HAD LEFT.

4. PRESS HAD CONTINUED TO RELY ALMOST EXCLUSIVELY ON LIBYAN SOURCES IN ITS COVERAGE OF HOSTILITIES, AND ON JULY 25 LEADING OFFICIAL ARABIC LANGUAGE DAILY "ASH-SHA'B" DELIVERED ITSELF OF SHARP ATTACK ON ROLE OF "IMPERIALISM" IN FIGHTING. IMPERIALISM, EDITORIAL ASSERTS, WAS AS USUAL PLAYING NEFARIOUS BEHIND-THE -SCENES ROLE AND THREE CONCRETE PROOFS OF THIS INVOLVEMENT EXIST: A. NEW YORK TIMES REPORT THAT U.S., IN ORDER TO ELIMINATE MONITORING OF WESTERN FLEET MOVEMENTS, FURNISHED EGYPT WITH INFORMATION THAT LED TO BOMBING OF RADAR STATION AT GAMAL ABDEL NASSER BASE; B. TRIP TO CAIRO OF MOROCCAN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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SECURITY CHIEF COLONEL DLI MI SHOWS THAT KING HASSAN ENCOURAGED EGYPTIAN ATTACK; C. PRESIDENT CARTER HAD RECENTLY ATTACKED LIBYANS FOR AIDING INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM. FRENCH LANGUAGE DAILY DID NOT CARRY EDITORIAL ON FIGHTING IN JULY 25 EDITION.

5. COMMENT: DIFFICULT TO TELL FROM THIS VANTAGE POINT WHAT ROLE BOUMEDIENE IS PLAYING IN EFFORT END EGYPTIAN-LIBYAN HOSTILITIES. WE WILL ATTEMPT TO LEARN MORE ABOUT HOW HIS INITIATIVE IS VIEWED HERE.HAYNES

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